

**Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Public Service Commission Library
1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln NE
and**

via video-link from City Hall, 1615 First Avenue, South Sioux City

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board met on June 26, 2006 in the Commission Library, Nebraska Public Service Commission in Lincoln.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Mark Masterton

Roll Call

Pete Peterson
Bill Ashburn
Virginia Vance
Mark Masterton
Isaac Brown
Mark Conrey
Brenda Decker
Commissioner Jerry Vap
Sheriff Neil Miller absent
Larry Lavelle - absent
Bill McLarty (via South Sioux City video-link)

Also present from the Commission were: Jeff Pursley, Angela Melton, Joan Raffety, Tyler Frost and Anne Bogus.

Members of the public or industry present were: Stacen Gross, GeoComm; Shelley Hozerland Fremont PD/Dodge County E911; Steve Tellatin, Fremont PD/Dodge County E911; Jack Robertshaw, Viaero Wireless.

Emergency Agenda – No Emergency Agenda items reported.

Consideration of Approval of Minutes of May 30, 2006 Meeting-*Motion made by Ginny Vance to approve minutes. Seconded by Mark Conrey. All members present voted Aye.*

Receive any Correspondence-Joan Raffety reported on the Phase 1 request from Johnson County.

Status Reports-

Fund Balance- Joan Raffety reported on the balance of the Fund.

Implementation Status-Joan Raffety provided handouts to the Advisory Board.

GIS Status – Joan Raffety reported what the status of the building of GIS data was in the state.

Update on LB 1222 Implementation-Angela Melton updated the Advisory Board on the status of LB1222. It was announced that Joan Raffety is putting together a survey to be distributed to the PSAPs to assure that information the PSC has on file is up-to-date.

Discussion regarding Newsletter: Angela Melton reported that Joan Raffety had put together a newsletter and that it was sent out to everyone and put on the Web. The Board was asked to let the Commission know if someone needed to receive the newsletter or would like to submit articles. Joan suggested that if the board members are consistently approached with a certain question that the newsletter would be a good format to address it in.

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Discussion regarding Recent Inter-tandem Trunking Issue -Joan Raffety reported that a phone call had been received by the Commission regarding an inter-tandem trunking issue. Ginny Vance updated the Advisory Board that PSAPS would be notified on how to use inter-tandem trunking and the different star codes.

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Discussion of PSAP Survey-Joan Raffety reported that a verification would be sent out to the PSAPs. Joan reported that when PSAPs implement Phase I, they have been required to fill out a PSAP Registration. The purpose of the verification will be to verify that information that the Commission has on file is still accurate due to the fact that some information is several years old.

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Discussion/Consideration of Proposed Interim Policy-Angela Melton reported. Mark Masterton asked a for review from Angela first. Angela handed out an update. Angela reported that a hearing has been set for July 17, in the Commission Hearing Room at 1:30. Angela encouraged the Board to participate.

The following was discussed by the Board and based on the Docket 911-017/PI-116 June 6, 2006 'Staff Proposed Interim Implementation Policy':

- 1) Give Priority to Phase I requests previously recommended by Board;
- 2) Staff looking at ways to work with stalled counties;

Mark Masterton suggested that with the NACO convention coming up in September, that perhaps the Commission should attend the meeting and be on the agenda. Angela reported the Commission had met with Larry Dix and that a letter coordinating effort was going to be made with NACO to the counties. Discussion ensued.

- 3) The Commission will adopt appropriate Phase II testing standards that must be followed regardless of whether funding for Phase II is sought. Mark Conrey said he had a problem with the first sentence. Angela reminded the Board that this interim policy would remain effective only until implementation of LB 1222 is completed. Mark Masterton reminded Mark Conrey that the Board should make

recommendations. Isaac suggested that in item 3 to put a period after mechanism statewide implementation of Phase I remains a top priority. And to add a sentence that state's "replacement of obsolete equipment will be considered on a case-by-case basis."

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Mark Masterton suggested that the 60-40 rule was a good rule while under the interim policy. Pete said that PSAPs are under the impression that the NPSC would pay all of the costs of purchasing equipment. Isaac reminded that a motion had been passed at the last meeting passing the 60-40 rule. Joan pointed out that Lancaster County funding request was paid on 60-40 and Kearney was paid out at 100 percent. Angela reminded the Board that the NPSC has to stay within the statute.

On 3) *The recommendation is: Isaac motioned to change paragraph 3 and to add "Completion of Phase I remains the top priority of the NPSC and that the replacement of obsolete equipment is handled by a case-by-case basis and to put a period after mechanism. And to strike the remainder of the sentence."* Ginny seconded. Discussion ensued. Passed unanimously.

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4) Only going to pay for wireless portion. WORDING: *Isaac made a motion to make a change at the end of the first sentence after service. "At a reimbursement rate of 60 percent for the wireless service. Seconded by Pete Peterson. Discussion followed. Passed unanimously.*

5) Mark Conrey asked to either back off of maintenance for now or address it fully.

Break at 12:07 p.m. to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Mark Masterton called the meeting back to order at 1:26 p.m.

5) is continued....Pete Peterson said he didn't believe that local government should expect reimbursements for costs of ongoing business. Isaac agreed and mentioned that if the Board paid everything across the board that it was a good way to bankrupt a fund. Mark Conrey made a "motion to not refer to maintenance being reimbursable" with Isaac seconding it. Mark and Isaac retracted previous motion.

The Board recommended that *"Pending the implementation of the LB1222 funding mechanism that funding requests for maintenance of equipment hardware/software will not be considered for funding. And to strike all of previous number 5. Bill Ashburn made motion. Seconded by Isaac Brown. Motion carried.*

6) No Changes

7) No Changes

Angela suggested drafting a letter for Mark Masterton to sign signifying the changes made by the board to be circulated to the Board by Angela

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Surcharge Level – Angela informed the Board of a Hearing on August 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Pete Peterson wanted to see staff recommendations on the numbers. Ginny Vance agreed. Mark Conrey wanted to see projections to implement Phase I

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and the recurring costs and the estimated recurring costs. Ginny wanted to know the facts of the costs from the staff and wait until next meeting

Discussion/Consideration of Funding of Back-up Centers – Mark Conrey mentioned that he would feel better if the Board moved down the agenda to the multiple PSAPs.

The Board moved down to **Discussion/Consideration of Funding Multiple PSAPs in a County**. Pete Peterson started by saying that multiple PSAPs are currently in 5 areas; Norfolk, Madison County; 3 in Dawson County; Saline/Wilber; Fremont; Dodge County PD; York, York PD; Pete thinks no more than 1 PSAP per county should be funded. If they want 2 PSAPs then the county should pay for it. Pete also wanted to see volume of calls to each PSAP. Joan suggested a hearing process to determine the matter. *Isaac Brown made a motion to recommend to the Commission that the NPSC fund only one PSAP in each county as determined by the Commission. Bill Ashburn seconded. Discussion ensued. The commission would decide which PSAP would be funded through hearings if necessary. Unanimous. Motion carries.*

Back up the agenda to **Discussion/Consideration of Funding of Back-up Centers**. *Ginny made a motion that back-up centers should not be considered for funding until the LB 1222 funding mechanism is in place. Pete Peterson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried with one nay vote.*

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Review and consideration of funding for Douglas County 911 Equipment-Mark Conrey pulled funding request.

Consideration of New Funding Requests;

-Madison County Phase 1: –Joan Raffety handed out an email request from Madison County Sheriff's Department. Joan had advised Stacy Gross of GeoComm, Madison County's equipment vendor that the subject of funding more than one PSAP per county would be on the agenda. Recommendation would be sent to Sandy as per the Board's recommendation. *Bill Ashburn made a motion that the Board's recommendation to the Commission was to deny the request. Ginny seconded it. Discussion followed. Motion carries unanimously.*

-Clay County Phase II-Joan handed out a copy of a letter from Clay County requesting Phase II. Commissioner Vap reported for informational purposes.

-North Platte Police Department/Lincoln County- Mary Ann Agler was called via conference phone. Mary Ann reported a catastrophic failure of equipment last fall with the 911 system being down for a week. She further reported that they have had difficulty trying to find parts to repair system. They were put in a position that they felt they needed to move forward to replace the equipment. *Mark Conrey made a motion to fund North Platte Police Department/Lincoln County for \$81, 926.24. Ginny seconded. Motion carries unanimously.*

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-South Sioux City/Dakota County-Joan Raffety telephoned Pat Foust. Pat reported to the Advisory Board that the current system was 18-19 years old with consistent failures on current equipment. They had held off until they could no longer hold off on equipment upgrade. Pat mentioned that due to the age of the system, they had had to track down parts for equipment in England. They strongly felt that it was not safe for the public or respondents in the field and that the system was worn out. *Pete Peterson motioned to fund 60 percent of the Dakota County System for \$60,457.47. Isaac seconded it. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.* Mark Masterton told Pat he would hear the final outcome once the PSC meets.

Consideration of Subcommittees-Mark Masterton asked the Advisory Board if subcommittees in disciplines such as budgeting, politics, engineering equipment recommendations, were necessary and needed at this time. Discussion followed. Ginny said that no subcommittees were needed at this time due to the Interim. Isaac Brown agreed. It was decided that no subcommittees were necessary at this time.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on August 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Library.

Mark Masterton mentioned newsletter was a nice touch.

Mark Masterton suggested for someone to represent the Board at the July 17th hearing.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:41 p.m.